

JULY 2005

## The Beginning

Dear Friends and Family,

I cannot tell you how excited I am (and nervous!) to be soon starting with Mercy Ships. Many of you have heard the story of how God provided this opportunity - if not, just ask, or check it out on my website!

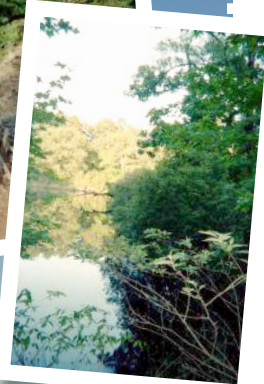
A little about my ministry: I'll be working directly under the CEO, doing project evaluation. The projects will cover all kinds of things, from allocation of funds to how the organization is structured. I'm excited to be able to bring my business knowledge from Biola to help Mercy Ships. I will be living in Garden Valley, TX, where their US headquarters are located. I will be staying in their dorms and will have most meals provided at the on-site cafeteria. I've committed to serving there for 2 years. After that, we'll see what God has... :)

As you can see, I've been blessed to be able to have free living quarters, and most meals free as well. However, this is not a salaried position, and I do need to raise support - about \$1,300 a month, to cover insurance, some food, medical supplements, and personal needs. If you feel led to help me through financial support, you can send a check to Mercy Ships with a separate note that it is for me.

I will be attending a week-long Introduction to Mercy Ships August 14-20, will fly home, then will leave the following Thursday to drive to Texas with my dad. My first official day is Monday, August 29.

If you would like periodic updates about my ministry, send me an e-mail and I'll put you on my e-mail list. I will also be regularly posting newsletters online at [www.dawna.biz](http://www.dawna.biz). Let me know if you want a paper copy sent to you... More day-to-day thoughts are at [my Xanga](http://myXanga), if you're interested.

You are all dear to me, and I want to keep in touch with you. So please shoot me an e-mail or fill out and mail the enclosed card to me. Thank you for your love, and God bless!



*Pictures from the campus*

### Where is Garden Valley? Good question...

It's located in between Tyler and Lindale. Lots of help, I know. That would be the upper eastern corner



of Texas, about 2 hours east of Dallas. The location is marked by the little red star. Like Colorado Springs, Garden Valley is headquarters for several other ministries. Trivia tidbit: Keith Green's ministry was located there.